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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE FOR MULTI-LAYER DISK

The specification of which:

is attached hereto; or

was filed as United States application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable); or

was filed as PCT international application Number PCT/JP2005/005048 on March 15, 2005 and was amended under PCT Article 19 On \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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**PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S):**

COUNTRY (if PCT, indicate PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED
Japan	2004-119728	15, April, 2004	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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